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(See GK-2226; GK-2227)

1. AHMED HUSSEIN

Founder of an intransigent Nationalist Youth Organisation called the "Green Shirts". Mounted easily, but no staging power. Enthusiastic; good speaker but worthless organizer. The prestige this organization enjoys is due to: Movement created before Italian and German contact. He then approached Subject for materials on Fascist Party, organization, etc. Subject arranged his trip to Italy and Germany in cooperation with FISTE. He returned a strong Fascist supporter, however, he did nothing. Financially he received no direct payments. Germany and Italy therefore inspired insertions in his newspapers, which guaranteed an income of about 40 to 50 Egyptian lire each week.

2. ANIS DAID

Cept; extremely willing to work, but not capable because of the lack of education, excessive timidity and indecision. Had many contacts and could be used to gather information and later to disseminate same. Useful for information on ceptic church affairs. Received 10 Egyptian lire per month.

3. ANTUN JACOB

Cairo. Confidence man and hack writer; Syrian origin; boasted of mythical contacts and at the same time worked for anyone. Had connections with the French authorities. Never used by JK78. Dangerous because he observed no security in his conduct.

4. DOCTOR, Michel

Former editor of the Agence d'Orient Et d'Egypt in Cairo, which paper was managed by JK78. Had numerous connections; serious and energetic. Paid for work performed. Never sent on outside work.

5. BUFFONI, Decio

Acting Commercial Attache at the Royal Legation in Cairo. Did not participate in espionage or propaganda work.

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6. BULOS MASSAD

Syrian advertising and business man. Could be used because of his many connections in various circles, but had to be controlled because his greed for money caused him to invent information, if necessary. Furnished information of every kind; was sent on jobs relating to internal Egyptian politics. Received 20 - 25 Egyptian Lire monthly. Also contributed articles.

7. CAMPAGNANO

Jew. Veteran 1st World War. Merchant. Of no importance to Subject's work.

8. CASCO, A

Presently in Rome working at Bar Consigli, Corso Umberto. Was typist and assistant archivist for the Royal Legation in Cairo. Born in Cairo where his family lives; speaks fluent Arabic. Was not engaged in propaganda or espionage work.

9. CHIRONE, Perci

Secondary school principal in Cairo. Now in Italy. Never involved in politics or espionage despite frequent visits to the Legation.

10. CORBO

Insurance Agent for the Istituto Nazionale delle Assicurazioni. Social contact.

11. DANIANI, Mmo.

Alexandria. Elementary school teacher with literary pretensions. Employee of ABO. Interested chiefly in providing a livelihood for her numerous children.

12. DE CASTRO, Guilio

Port Said. Jew. Wealthy shipping and marine supplies agent. Repatriated to Italy because of the war, lived in Rome. Has now returned to Egypt as a member of a commission on Italian properties in Egypt. Social contact. Son-in-law at Naples, heading a shipping enterprise.

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13. FATHI RADUAN

Able and active young lawyer who organized a movement which failed at the beginning of World War II because it was unjustly considered to be pro-Fascist, but which was, in reality, Xenophobic and aimed at reviving the ancient glories of a free Egypt (Misr - el - Fattah). HUSSEIN and RADUAN were anti-Communists. Was not paid by Subject.

14. GAZZA, Dr.

Secretary at the Chamber of Commerce in Cairo. Useful for information on economic statistics.

15. GALASSI, Giuseppe

Manager of the Giornale d'Oriente. Man of letters and noteworthy art critic; author of various meritorious works on Byzantium and Egypt; presently in Rome; works on Giornale della Sera; personal friend of Dino GRANDI, who made him manager of a daily political paper which he ran more enthusiastically than competently.

16. HAFIZ RAMADAN PASHA

Ex-Minister. Founder of the Egyptian Nationalist Party. Intelligent and cultured, but indolent, deaf, and trivial. Useful channel because wanted advice on organization of Fascist Party, economic policy, etc. Never received funds.

17. BESHIAVI (?)

Might be identical with ENKIRI, Gabriel who was an able advertising man, fluent in French and Arabic; had numerous connections in all circles; literary, artistic and political; was accustomed to high living and was therefore, very willing to sell his services. Was a source of partially reliable information always.

18. HODA SCIARAU PASHA, Mrs.

Nationalist. President of the Egyptian Women's League. She attended all women's international congresses and had contacts with personalities of all countries. Intelligent and cultured. Very useful social contact.

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19. HUSSEIN SHERIF

If identical with a distant relative of King FUAD, he was formerly Under-Secretary of Foreign Affairs; extremely well educated but of no importance in the political world. Was useful for creation of additional contacts.

20. ISRAHIM ABDEL KADER EL MAZNI

A rather competent advertising man. Came to Subject for information on Italian topics. Not a service contact except as a channel for Subject's materials.

21. KERIM TABET

Son of the Editor-in-Chief of the daily "EL MOKATTAM" active and intelligent; unscrupulous; would work for one or more employers at the same time, so long as he was paid. He was in contact with both Subject and Legation as well as other diplomatic representatives. Received money from all.

22. KHALIL TABET

Editor-in-Chief of the daily "EL MOKATTAM". Cultured and serious; nationalist. A journalist contact.

23. LOVATO, Antonio

Former Editor-in-Chief of the Giornale d'Oriente; later, foreign correspondent for the STAMPA of Turin; intelligent; good writer; published some interesting articles on the Middle East, Turkey, and Greece. Presently collaborator on the Giornale della Sera of Rome. Is now in Spain on behalf of Gazzetta della Popolo (Turin?).

24. LUSANA, Levi

Business man; not too scrupulous. Never in contact with Subject. Not interested in politics.

25. MAGGIAR or MAGGIAR, Roland

Cultured Jew. Fervid Zionist with slight leanings towards Communism. Could be tapped through contacts for information re Zionist activities.

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26. MAHMUD AZMI

Noteworthy advertising agent; was professor at the University of Bagdad where he was seriously injured during a student riot which occurred as a protest to his excessively difficult examinations. His wife is a Russian and said to be a sister to an eminent Communist personality in Moscow. Wafdist.

27. MAHMUD EL DESUKI

Was translator with the D.N.B. Came frequently to Subject's office to check texts of news items.

28. MAHMUD FAHMI EL MOKRASCI

Cairo. Related to ZAGLUL PASHA, founder of the Wafdist Party. Prominent member of the party. Following a disagreement in ideas with ZAGLUL's successor, MUSTAFA EL MAHAS PASHA, he founded a dissenting Wafdist Party with AHMED MAHER who was assassinated recently in Cairo. MOKRASCI was an intransigent nationalist; strict Moslem; taciturn; anglophobe and anti-Communist. Useful to Subject as a politico-social contact. Saw Subject willingly, and discussed internal affairs from journalistic standpoint freely.

29. MANGINELLI, Pietro

Presently in Italy and apparently interned in Piedmont for his collaboration with the Fascist Republic. Naval Captain. He hoped to obtain the position of pilot with the Suez Canal Company. In the meantime, while awaiting a favorable reply (which did not materialize), he worked for the Societa' di Assicurazioni Generali and also as a commercial representative. Alert, intelligent but irresponsible. Passed unwitting info on traffic at Suez to Subject. Was not paid. Called to naval service upon outbreak of war and sent to Tunis for "I" work. Was still there in April 1944. Then Subject went to Tunis in connection with the re-establishment of the DESTOUR movement.

30. MANENTE, Ugo

Son-in-law to DE CASTRO. Presently in military service as a Grenadiers Captain. Now at Naples running his father-in-law's shipping office.

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31. MIAN

Two brothers. Operate an Alabaster quarry near the pyramids in Cairo. Never mixed up in politics. No political or propaganda utility to Subject.

32. MORAMED ALI TAHER

Might be identical with the PASHA who is cousin to the King and President of the Egyptian Auto-Club; has a German education and is serious and cultured. His leanings aroused English suspicion. Was arrested and imprisoned during the war. Properly approached, he could be very useful. Excellent social contact, who passed on information on events in court circles. Never received payment. Was very sympathetic to Germany and Italy. Seemingly now retired.

33. MONESLLI, Alessandro

Jerusalem. Priest of Swiss nationality. Was Palestine correspondent for the Agence d'Egypt et d'Orient. Active, intelligent and cultured. Had to be used with some caution. Was able to penetrate all quarters, however, did not pass identities of members of network to Subject. Secured good information but was jealous of his sources.

34. MORGENSTERN

Jewish journalist. Useful for information on Zionist question. Intelligent and well educated. (worked together with STARASLSKI, see below). Never on Subject's payroll.

35. MUNAFO

Born in Egypt where his family lives. Employed in the Cairo Legation as translator. Presently employed at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Rome. Was connected with propaganda or espionage.

36. MAGGLAR, Roland

See MAGGLAR above.

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37. NAME GANEM

Syrian journalist. Friend and follower of MUSTAFA NAHAS PASHA, head of the Wafdist Party. Owner-manager of the French daily "LA PATRIE" in Cairo. Useful at a price. Received about 50 later 80 lire 3/monthly for publication of notices passed to him by Subject. Occasionally gave information on internal Egyptian politics.

38. MAZIN MASSAD

Son of BULOS. Employed as translator by Subject. Married to an American woman from San Francisco or Los Angeles. Greedy for money. Intelligent, a good writer; trivial character.

39. PAVLOVSKI

Polish Moslem. Ex-Naval officer under the former Czar; escaped from Communist terrorism; returned to Poland at the end of the last war. Often told contradictory stories about himself; at times, he claimed to have been in Cairo in order to attend a brush-up course at the Koranic University; then again, he implied that he was on a secret mission. He constantly complained about the difficulty of earning a living, yet he never borrowed; used to disappear for long periods of time; suspected that he was sought by both the English and the Jews; ostensibly anti-Zionist. (See JRX-4008, para 9 for additional information).

40. RIAD ..... MAMOUH (?)

Politician; ambitious and competent; Wafdist tendencies. Was a Deputy. Married to a Rumanian writer Maria CAVADIA who was divorced from CRUSCESCU, a Roumanian diplomat; well-educated and intelligent woman; very useful to her husband because of her connections in diplomatic circles. He was a lover of show and deference; particularly susceptible to courtesies shown to his wife. Talked freely. Useful to influence his colleagues. Never paid.

41. SAID AMIN

Might be identical with the journalist; very intelligent and well-known in the Koran University of Ashar and in Pan-Islamic and Pan-Arabic circles. Valued money and while taking no chances, was not above taking sides even against his own ideas. Regular source for Subject and for the Legation where he worked for MASCHIA and PIZZIRANI on colonial affairs. Received no fixed sum.

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42. SALHI SIDHOM

Cairo - A negligible personality. For personal reasons opposed the head of the Vafdist Party NAHAS PASHA (a matter of interest, as he stated); Demanded only money, promising information on the Party in question. Very conceited. Never produced. His constant pleas for money were always refused.

43. SCATTOLINI, Prof

3x-Alpine. Worked for SIROMBO out of pure faith, he fancied himself a great spy and adept. He was useful for his abilities to strike up personal friendships with British sub-alterns. Was considered a comic figure.

44. SCLARRINO, G.

Deceased. Wife was editor of Giornale d'Oriente. Of no utility to Subject.

45. SOBHI VAHID

Alexandria. Studied in Italy. Extremely cultured; former editor of the Agence d'Oriente et d'Egypt in Cairo. An able translator. Not used outside the office.

46. STARASTELSKI

Jewish journalist. Useful on Zionist questions. Worked for himself together with MORGENSTERN. Well educated. Had Communist leanings, but probably not too sincere. Never worked with Subject.

47. STELLBOGEN, Wilhelm

Director of the D.N.B. in Egypt, successor to Dr. REICHERT who went to Rome. A simple man who loved a quiet life and was nostalgic for his Parisian environment. Conscientious worker. Had cordial relations with Subject, with whom he exchanged and checked information.

48. VON RITGEN, Herman

Secretary to the German Legation in Cairo. Cultured and intelligent. Had excellent entree to Court and military circles. Played tennis almost each day with FAROUK. In May 1943, was junior officer attached to Minister RAHN's Military Office in Tunisia.

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49. ZAMBONI, Filippo

Editor of the Giornale d'Oriente. Intelligent but of a changeable and trivial character. Presently in Italy (?) after having worked for the D.N.B. (German Information Agency) in Constantinople under Dr. Hans REICHERT, former head of the D.N.B. in Palestine, later in Cairo then in Rome. Now with Messaggero in Rome. (For interrogation see CSDIC/CMF/99.)

50. ZSIDAN, Emil and Chourci

Owners of a flourishing publishing house for literary reviews which they managed intelligently and ably. Were utilized by Subject for the dissemination of information, photographs. They received this material gratis.

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